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1. ALL PAPERS REPORT SECRETARY' S DEFENSE OF CAMBODIA BOMBING BEFORE SFRC AS LEGALLY JUSTIFIED BY CONSTITUTION AND AS " MEANINGFUL INTERIM ACTION" TO FORCE COMMUNIST-BACKED INSURGENTS TO AGREE C- F. SYMINGTON FINDS BOMBING " INCREDIBLE" AND SAYS US GETTING " BAD NAME" FOR " BOMBING THE HECK OUT OF A SMALL NATION." BASICALLY, ACCORDING NYT' S GWERTZMAN, ROGERS CONTENTS BOMBING PURPOSE IS TO FORCE HANOI TO AGREE TO CAMBODIA C- F AS CALLED FOR IN ARTICLE 20 OF VN AGREEMENT. ROGERS' LEGAL MEMORANDUM SAYS BOMBING NOT COMMITMENT TO GKR DEFENSE BUT AN INTERIM ACTION DESIGNED BRING ABOUT COMPLIANCE WITH ART. 20. SECRETARY' S GENERAL ASSESSMENT OF INDOCHINA PEACE PROSPECTS, " WAS SOMEWHAT MORE OPTIMISTIC THAN OTHERS HAVE RECENTLY EXPRESSED." WSJ NOTES ROGERS SAID THERE WOULD BE NO AID " OF ANY CONSEQUENCE" TO NVN WITHOUT CONGAND WHETHER OR NOT ACTION WILL SPREAD. HOWEVER, SITUATION DOES NOT RPT NOT HAVE APPEARANCE AT THIS TIME OF FULL- SCALE FIGHT BETWEEN ARMY AND FEDAYEEN.

6. AS FAR AS WE CAN DETERMINE, ALL AMERICANS SAFE.
HOUGHTON

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